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SUBJECT: BELGIAN INTEREST IN MIDDLE EAST TALKS

GENEVA FOR USDEL MEPC REF: (A) USNATO 0483 (NOTAL); (B) GENEVA 563 (NOTAL)

- 1. IN REF B, GENEVA REPORTS ON THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR'S SUGGESTION THAT MACHINERY BE ESTABLISHED IN GENEVA FOR BRIEFING "EUROPEANS" ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE (MEPC). TWO THINGS OCCUR TO THIS MISSION ABOUT THIS BELGIAN DEMARCHE.
- 2. WHILE SAYING "EUROPEAN" THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN EVIDENTLY THINKING IN TERMS OF THE EC-9. USNATO HOPES THAT NO SPECIAL BRIEFINGS OR OTHER SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS WITH REGARD TO SHARING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION ON THE MEPC BE ACCORDED TO THE EC-9 TO CONFIDENTIAL

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THE EXCLUSION OF THE OTHER NATO ALLIES.

3. MISSION CALLS ATTENTION TO RECENT DISUCSSIONS IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL OF THE NEED FOR RECIPROCITY FROM THE ATLANTIC

ALLIES WITH INFORMATION ON THEIR BILATERAL MIDDLE EAST ACTIONS AND PLANS. BECUASE OF THE HELP WE HAVE IN THE NAC FROM NON-EC-9 PARTNERS, THE SORT OF RECIPROCITY WE HAVE IN MIND IS MORE LIKELY TO BE SMOKED OUT OF ALLIES LIKE FRANCE AND THE UK IF MIDDLE EAST CONSULTATIONS TAKE PLACE IN A NAC RATHER THAN A US-EC-9 CONTEXT. THEREFORE, MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT TO EXTENT POSSIBLE CONFIDENTIAL BRIEFINGS OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIES ON MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MEPC BE CONDUCTED THROUGH THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL RATHER THAN IN GENEVA. NATURALLY ALLIED REPRESENTATIVES ASSIGNED IN GENEVA WILL BE SEEKING OUT ANDREPORTING FACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEPC. MISSION DOESNOT OPPOSE COOPERATION AMONG ALLIES IN GENEVA ON THIS. WE REFER ONLY TO CONFIDENTIAL POLICY BRIFINGS.

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